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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR BUCHANAN

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SUBJECT: RFE ACCREDITATION TO WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

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1. I MET JULIAN ROOSEVELT, U.S. MEMBER IOC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AT 10 O'CLOCK TODAY (SATURDAY) AND MADE POINTS, IN ADDITION TO SUBSTANCE YOUR MESSAGE, THAT I HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PURSUE MATTER OF RFE ACCREDITATION AS FAR AS NECESSARY AND WAS PREPARED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS AT ANY LEVEL OR IN ANY QUARTER. IOC ACTION WAS MANIFESTLY UNFAIR, AND YOU WERE PERSONALLY AND DEEPLY CONCERNED.

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2. ROOSEVELT COMMENTED FIRST ON YOUR MESSAGE, NOTING THAT DEPARTMENT OF STATE RESPONSE WAS VERY LATE IN ARRIVING, AGREED THAT MESSAGE SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF ALL IOC MEMBERS, AND NOT ONLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND WOULD SO ADVISE LORD KILLANIN WHEN HE SAW HIM AT 11:30 THIS MORNING. HE WOULD ALSO MAKE POINT THAT THERE WAS NO IOC RULE EXPRESSLY FORBIDDING NEWS AGENCIES FROM GOING DIRECTLY TO OLYMPIC HOST COUNTRY FOR ACCREDITATION. ROOSEVELT ALSO AGREED TO RAISE QUESTION (WHICH HAS BEEN MENTIONED IN AUSTRIAN PRESS) AS TO WHETHER RFE WAS ACTUALLY THE ONLY NEWS AGENCY WHICH WENT DIRECTLY TO HOST COUNTRY WITHOUT OTHER SPONSORSHIP.

3. ROOSEVELT ALSO, HOWEVER, STATED THAT PART II RULE 49 OF IOC RULEBOOK STATES SPECIFICALLY THAT NEWS AGENCIES (EXCEPT WORLD PRESS AGENCIES SUCH AS AP, RUETERS, ETC.) MUST BE SPONSORED BY A NATIONAL OLYMPICS COMMITTEE. MOREOVER, ROOSEVELT SAID HE IS PERSONALLY CONCERNED THAT IOC ESTABLISH CLEAR LEGAL PRECEDENTS FOR 1980 OLYMPICS SO THAT RUSSIANS WILL HAVE NO OPPORTUNITY TO "PLAY GAMES". ROOSEVELT CONCEDED THAT RUSSIANS MIGHT WELL BE EMBOLDENED TO MORE POLITICAL MANEUVERS IF THEY SUCCEEDED IN KEEPING RFE OUT OF 1976 WINTER OLYMPICS. ROOSEVELT ALSO MENTIONED TWICE THAT HE IS NEW MEMBER OF IOC AND DOES NOT WISH TO BEGIN "LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP" BY ANTAGONIZING COLLEAGUES OR LORD KILLANIN.

4. ROOSEVELT WILL CALL ME AFTER HIS MEETING WITH LORD KILLANIN THIS MORNING. MEANWHILE I HAVE APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH SECRETARY GENERAL KLEE OF AUSTRIAN ORGANIZING COMMITTEE. WILL REPORT FURTHER AFTER ROOSEVELT CALLS BUCHANAN

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